

VARIETY.

A LITERALIST OR A JOKER.—We see a paragraph "going the rounds," to the effect that the Bishop of Oxford, having sent word to the churches of his diocese a circular of inquiries, among which was: "Does your officiating clergyman preach the gospel, and are his conversation and carriage consistent therewith?"

The churchwarden near Wallingford, replied, "He preaches the gospel, but does not keep a carriage."

"If angels have any fun in them," says Horace Walpole, "how much more do we!"

He who betrays another's secret, because he has quarreled with him, was never worthy of the sacred name of friend. A bunch of kindness on one side, will not justify a breach of trust on the other.

Gutta serena tubes are now laid down in some English churches, from the pulpit to the pews of deaf persons, by which they are enabled to hear the preacher.

It is suggested that the question "May a man marry his wife's sister?" is one which can be most effectively answered by the sister herself, when it is popped by the widower.

When men speak ill of thee, live so no body will believe them. Light cases speak, great ones are dumb.—Seneca.

Reader, did you ever enjoy the ecstatic bliss of courtship?

You did not! Then you had better get a little Gal-an-try.

The revolutions in Europe have made even the ladies more patriotic. Walking up Chestnut street, on Saturday, we noticed hundreds of them inclined to bare arms. So says our friend of the Philadelphia Times.

A publican's wife in Suffolk, whilst at church, fell asleep and let her purse, in which she carried a large bank of paper, around by the noise she made, jump up and exclaimed, "Cuss it, Sal, there's another jink broke."

We can't help it, but we do feel like one of our contemporaries whenever we see a neat, pretty girl, with tempting lips and roguish eyes, and a well-turned ankle—we always wish that she were near a mud-puddle, and that we had to lift her over. It's a weakness, probably, but we cannot help it.

STEADY ANONYMOUS BENEVOLENCE.—The Treasurer of the New York State Colonization Society has received, from an anonymous friend, a donation of twenty dollars for the society—a donation of the same amount having been annually received, from the same steady friend, for many years.

Christ was born among the poor, grew up among the poor, toiled with the poor, and died for the poor. The cases in which he ever came in contact with rich men, are noted with emphasis in Scripture, as remarkable exceptions.

A gentleman once had a notice placed upon a part of his land to the effect that he would give that land to any one who was really contented. An applicant soon appeared. "Are you contented?" was the inquiry. "I am," was the reply. "Then what do you want with my land?"

SCIENTIFIC TREES.—The cause of the splintering and disruption of trees, when struck by lightning, is the sudden expansion of the sap that is converted into vapor by the electricity.—*Ex. paper.*

How about the "splintering and disruption" of the masts of ships, or the beams of houses—there is no sap there!

Or the "splintering and disruption" of a pair of leather boots!

Some of the English railway companies now issue insurance tickets to their passengers. A first class passenger may, on buying his ticket, by paying three pence extra, have his life insured for the journey to the extent of £1,000, payable, if he is killed, to his legal representatives—and compensation for personal injury, if life is lost. A second class passenger may insure to £500 for two pence, and a third class, £200 for one penny.

President Napoleon does not, it would seem, like republicanism, for, it is said, he grew quite angry, when he visited the Republic, and the crowd cried "vive la republique!" "vive la constitution!" It is also said that he snubbed the mayor of Havre, in the most significant manner, because, in the speech with which he prefaced the President's health, he mentioned Washington.

A BEAUTIFUL INCIDENT.—The Bath (Me.) Tribune says that a child of Dr. Shaw, two years of age, died on Saturday week, after a sickness of six hours from eating cobalt, which was prepared for flies.

One incident connected with the death, says the Tribune, was affectingly beautiful. When her eyes began to grow dim with death, she evidently fancied it was night and that she was going to sleep, and died with her customary "good night, mamma," many times repeated, trembling on her lips.

BAT AND BALL AMONG THE LADIES.—A London paper has the following account of a cricket match between married and single ladies. The married, it seems, carry the day at hard knocks.

On Wednesday, nine married ladies beat nine single ladies at a match of cricket, at Picket Post, in the New Forest, by one run only. The married scoring fifty, the single forty-nine. The ladies were dressed in white—the former with blue trimmings, the latter with pink.

"Did I not give you a flogging the other day?" said a schoolmaster to a trembling orphan.

"Yes sir," answered the boy.

"Well, what does the scripture say upon the subject?"

"I don't know, sir," said the orphan, "except it is in that passage which says, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

PRESERVATION OF WATER.—M. Perinet, ex-professor of the Hospital Militaire d'Instruction, has succeeded in preserving water in a sweet state, by placing a kilogramme and a half of black oxide of manganese in each cask of water containing 250 litres. He has kept this water for seven years in the same barrels, and exposed them to various temperatures; at the end of that time, he found it as limpid, free from smell, and of as good a quality, as the beginning of the experiment.

HISTORY OF THE SHIELD OF STARS AND STRIPES.—A correspondent of the National Intelligencer writes that he was lately shown the armorial bearings, in colors, of the Washington family, lately brought over from England. He was so struck with the resemblance of the arms of the United States to infer that the similarity was intended as a compliment to Washington. The same correspondent has an indistinct recollection of hearing it said that the arms of the Union were arranged by Francis Hopkins.

THE EFFECTS OF CHOLERA UPON THE BRANDY MARKET.—By reference to the Custom bills of entry for the month of July last, it will be found that the increased quantity of foreign brandy, upon the duty has been paid, amounts to the large quantity of 20,000 gallons, or nearly 1000 gallons per head beyond the average of former years. This extraordinary increase is traced to the substitution, by a large number of the public, of brandy diluted with water with their meals, in the place of malt liquors. The French growers have already raised the average of the increase, and simultaneously raised their price 10 francs per hectolitre, or about 5d. per gallon English.—*London paper.*

A SHARP NEWBOY.—We listened yesterday to the following conversation in our office between a parcel of ragged, saucy, and sharp witted newboys: "Say, Tyson, is the Canada in?"

"Tyson—in course she is."

"No!" shouted half a dozen voices at once.

"Tyson—I'll bet yer a stiller 'ole'n 'er."

"Dunno—put up yer tin!" exclaimed the half a dozen voices.

"Tyson—'Agreed. She's in—the water, ain't she!'"

Half a dozen voices—some what subdued—"In course she is!"—*N. Y. Mirror.*

A CURIOUS GRASS.—In the pasture of Hungary, there is a genus of grass called *Stipa*, the seeds of which, when carried about by the wind, work a violent effect on the back of sheep, and work their way through the wool, and skin, and flesh, into the intestines, and excite throughout the system a powerful morbid action, which the veterinarians of the country call the *stipa maza*, and which shows itself in restlessness, sleeplessness, and loss of appetite, and terminates in fever, inflammation, and death.—*Sci. American.*

From the N. O. Crescent City.

An Editor Dining Out. Quite a distinguished citizen of our city, and one of the members of the corps editorial made a short excursion into the country, where they revelled some hours among the breezes and trees, and finally returned at four o'clock, with appetites, it may easily be imagined, nicely sharpened for the enjoyment of a good dinner. After imbibing a glass of wine bitten, at the St. Charles, our friend of the scissors and quill was invited by his companion to join him in a quiet dinner at his own domicile.

"He is waiting here," said he, "for I didn't think we should reach home in time to dine, but I reckon I can make up something that will answer the demand of hunger for the once."

"Oh, I'm not particular," replied the editor, "anything will answer my purpose. I'm one of those, you know, who wants very easily satisfied."

Shortening the way, by easy and familiar chat, they at last reached the gentleman's dwelling, and at the summons of a bell, a favorite female servant came to the door, with her shining ebony face wreathed gaily in smiles. Whispering a few words in her master's ear, almost as soon as he had crossed the threshold, she exclaimed, "What are they?"

"You don't say so?" said he, "no means hard of hearing, did you quite distinctly understand the reply, for the reason that he did not wish to listen to what appeared to be a private colloquy. He thought, however, that the remainder of the conversation was about as follows:

"A fine pair of ducks," said the servant.

"You don't say so," said his host. "Well, now I am satisfied. Who would have thought that?" "Go into the parlor," said he to his guest, "I'll join you there in about five minutes."

The editorial gentleman quietly vended his way along to the parlor, wondering in his own mind why such unusual disturbance about the dinner should be made, in a house where every thing was generally conducted in the most simple and unostentatious manner possible; but nevertheless, secretly felicitating himself upon the fact that the dinner he was to enjoy was far more inviting than it had been represented.

Five, ten, fifteen minutes had elapsed, and his host did not present himself; he fumbled over the pictures and books on the table, playing awhile with the poodle dog, which was taking a nap on the sofa, half whistled a tune or two, hummed the fraction of a psalm, and was finally found gazing on a painting of Mary Magdalene, to discover new beauties, when his entertainer made his appearance, just exactly as a happy looking man the editor had ever stumbled upon.

"Excuse my detaining you," said he, "but you heard what Betty said in the door?"

"Oh, yes," replied the editor.

"A pair of em, by Jove!"

"So I understood her to say."

"And a finer pair I never saw, though I say it who should not; as plump, as fair and as bright as any I ever laid my eyes on; come join me in a drink."

Adjoining to the sideboard, they filled their glasses; the editor gave.

"Here's to you."

"And here's to you," said the host.

The editor was slightly astonished, for his friend's way of rejoicing over the ducks was quite singular—he tossed off his wine and commenced promanaging the room rubbing his hands, chuckling, and occasionally giving vent to a guffaw.

"A pair of ducks have thought it, and all doing so nicely too!" was his exclamation.

"How are you having them fixed?" inquired his visitor.

"Oh, I leave that to the women of course; I don't meddle with that business."

"But it's a pity, considering they are so very fine, that you should not intend to dine with you?"

"Pardon me, I forgot, I am compelled to ask you to go somewhere else for your dinner."

"To do what?"

"To dine somewhere else! You see all is in confusion, the servants are all as busy as bees, it was so unexpected—in fact, I didn't think it would come off so well."

"Come off!—what do you mean?"

"Why the affair up stairs."

"And what the devil is the affair up stairs?"

"Why, I thought you heard what the girl said at the door?"

"—did she say you had a fine pair of ducks for dinner?"

"Fine pair of what?"

"Of ducks!"

"Fine devils! She told me that while we had been about my wife had presented me with a fine pair of twins, both boys."

The last we heard of the poor editor, he was partaking of soup—"solitary and alone"—at a restaurant in Charles street.

ANTIQUITY.—A lawyer and a doctor were discussing the antiquity of their respective professions, and each cited authority to prove his own.

"Mine," said the disciple of *Lycurgus*, "commenced about the time of the world's era: Cain slew his brother Abel, and that was a criminal case in common law."

"True," rejoined *Esculapius*, "but my profession is coeval with the creation itself. Old Mother Eve was made out of a rib taken from Adam's body, and that was a surgical operation." The lawyer dropped his head back.

BAPTISMAL.—A poor woman in one of the eastern States, who had carried her daughter to church for baptism. Being asked its name by the shop, she replied, "Luther, this." "What?" says the doctor. "Luther, this," says she. "Luther, Lucifer, that we won't do," says the bishop, and baptised the child George Washington. The poor mother was confounded, and could not speak until the church door, when she informed the parson the infant was a girl!

WITCHES.—The Blue Hen's Chicken of Delaware, says that the citizens of Brandywine Hundred, in that State, have recently been greatly annoyed by the antics of two witches, who have established themselves in the neighborhood. A lady, who had been reduced to the verge of insanity by the loss of her son, was cured by our friend Robek of this city, who combined with astrology, a knowledge of the forbidden art, and is enabled at all times to exorcise the accursed spirit. A ghost has also been seen in the vicinity—"a proper ghost, and round of person"—which the Hon. says, disdains to walk at night, but sometimes comes to the presence of the Hon. in the midst of day. What an impudent ghost!—*Philadelphia Times.*

THE N. Y. KNICKERBOCKER.—The August number of this valuable magazine contains many interesting and well written papers. From the Editor's Table we extract the following amusing story, from a correspondent.

Thus writes "A Constant Reader of the Knickerbocker," from Mobile, Alabama: Several years since, when the congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in — was quite small, and possessed of but little money, and was in the greatest poverty, and otherwise, in building a small but very neat church. They were, however, unable to finish the interior. About the same time a young gentleman, who had just established himself in business, wishing to attend that church, rented a pew; and desiring also to assist a little in improving the looks of the interior, he directed a painter to paint the pulpit handsomely, and the bell to be hung in a very old and gaudy manner.

One of the vestry, who was not always very choice in his expressions, a few Sabbaths after the pulpit was finished, requested the rector to ask the pew-holders to remain after the congregation was dismissed. When the expected portion of the audience had retired, the old gentleman arose and remarked that he hoped some one would now do duty toward finishing the church. "Here is a young man," said he, "who is almost a stranger in the town, and not a professor of religion, who has come forward, and without asking, and at his own expense, had our pulpit handsomely painted; and I think it a d—d shame that each pew-holder should not be liberally enough at heart to paint his own pew!" The effect of this brief speech was wonderful. The pews were all soon painted; nor will the "speech that did it" soon be forgotten by any of the vestry or congregation.

THE "SECOND WASHINGTON" is making a tour through several of the States. He has concluded, it is said, not to visit either Tennessee, Kentucky, or Indiana. He has "no friends to reward" in either of these States.

Free-Soil Democratic Convention in Hamilton County.

According to public notice, a numerous and respectable body of delegates, from the Democratic and Free-Soil parties, from the several townships of the county of Hamilton, convened in the town of Noblesville, on the 8th inst, at one o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of adopting a platform upon which, for the purpose, they could act in union. The convention was organized by the appointment of John G. Burns, Esq., President, and John Roberts and Thomas Harvey, Vice Presidents, and J. M. Scott, Secretary.

On motion, a committee of twelve was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the convention, consisting of Wm. Garver, Esq., Dr. J. Platt, Dr. Israel Haines, R. P. Kimberlin, George White, Elias Harvey, A. Lindsey, Nathan Willets, Wm. Dick, Wm. Guy, Wm. Smith and W. Lawrence.

After the committee retired, the convention was addressed by Dr. T. T. Butler, Dr. A. S. Pettigrew, and others.

After which, the committee reported the following resolutions, which were separately adopted with great unanimity.

Resolved, That while we will faithfully adhere to all the compromises of the Constitution of the United States, and maintain all the reserved rights of the several States, we declare, since the crisis has arrived when such question must be met, our uncompromising hostility to the extension of slavery into any territory of the United States now free.

Resolved, That the extension of slavery into any territory which recognizes its existence, depends on State laws alone, which cannot be repealed or modified by the Federal Government, and that the Federal Government is not responsible. We, therefore, propose no interference by Congress with slavery within the limits of any State.

Resolved, That as slavery is a local institution in the States which exist, and that it is not a right or an intention to interfere with it in those States, we, at the same time, will use all honorable and constitutional means to resist all unnecessary aid, and all connection with or aggression from said institution.

Resolved, That Congress shall devote to every actual laborer on unoccupied public lands, one hundred and sixty acres.

Resolved, That we demand cheap postage, a retrenchment of the expenses of the national government, the abolition of all unnecessary aid, and the election by the people of all officers in the service of the government, so far as the same may be applicable.

Resolved, That we are opposed to the erection of a National Bank, and believe the fiscal affairs of government, both State and national, should be kept entirely separate from Banks and Banking Associations; and that its revenues should be collected and expended by responsible agents through the Independent Treasury.

Resolved, That we are in favor of such a tariff of duties on foreign goods, as to defray the necessary expenses of the government, economically administered.

Resolved, That we are in favor of a homestead exemption of real and personal property from forced sale on execution, believing it to be best for the benefit of the people.

Resolved, That in organizing governments for New Mexico and California, the introduction and existence of slavery in those territories, should be positively prohibited by act of Congress.

Resolved, That our fathers ordained the constitution of the United States, in order, among other rational objects, to secure justice, to preserve the general welfare, and ensure the blessings of liberty; but expressly denied to the Federal Government which they created all constitutional power to deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due legal process.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Federal Government to relieve itself from all responsibility for the continuance of slavery, and that it possesses constitutional authority to legislate on that subject, and it is this responsibility for its existence.

Resolved, That we cannot allow the simple asseveration of general principles, however fixed as to, or granted as truths, to be made without offering them in detail, and that, therefore, we do here, and now, solemnly promise to the strength to each other, and to the country in support of those cardinal principles set forth in the foregoing resolutions.

On motion of Wm. Garver, Esq., the proceedings were adjourned to the 15th inst, at one o'clock, P. M., to the Free-Soil Sentinel for publication, when, on motion, the convention adjourned.

J. D. BURNS, President.

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THE PALMYRA MURDER.—Statement of Wise.—We noticed by telegraph, a short time since, the murder of Thomas B. Hart, at Palmyra, Mo., by John S. Wise, who was a clerk in the St. Louis post-office, and who detected a correspondence passing between Hart and his wife by the discovery of letters in the office. A letter from Palmyra to the St. Louis Republican gives a report of the examination of the case, which was still progressing on the 11th inst.

Wise made a statement in which he admits that, struck with the peculiarity of a letter directed to a Miss Sopho in the post-office where he was acting as clerk, he very coolly opened, (is this practice common in the St. Louis post-office?) and found that it was directed to his wife, and was from Hart. He next addressed letters to Hart from his wife, taking the same liberty that he did at St. Louis to break open letters directed to another person. Having satisfied himself that his jealous suspicions had good grounds for their indulgence, he next set out in search of Hart, and his own account of the mode of approaching the man is as follows:

"As I crossed the street obliquely, I saw Hart sitting in front of Overton's Hotel; and from the contents of the letters, and what I know of the character of the man for desperation, I thought I saw that a collision of a personal nature was inevitable. I knew his manner of going armed, and knew that he was greatly my superior in size and strength. I knew that if I approached him on Main street, he would not only get me, but would kill me, and I had a decided advantage over me in the count, which I saw and knew was inevitable; this advantage, under the circumstances, I did not feel that justice or honor required me to give him, and I therefore, taking the back way around Mrs. Barr's and around Overton's, as soon as I reached the front door of the hotel, I sprang upon him, and fired three times, and he fell dead.

"I was then in a state of great excitement, and I witnessed has stated that I shot while standing upon the door sill; but in this he is mistaken, as I distinctly recollect that I was on the pavement and Hart looking me full in the face when I fired. I believed he was not injured, and I then fired a second time, and he fell dead. I then fired a third time, and he fell dead. I then fired a fourth time, and he fell dead. I then fired a fifth time, and he fell dead. I then fired a sixth time, and he fell dead. I then fired a seventh time, and he fell dead. I then fired an eighth time, and he fell dead. I then fired a ninth time, and he fell dead. I then fired a tenth time, and he fell dead. I then fired an eleventh time, and he fell dead. I then fired a twelfth time, and he fell dead. I then fired a thirteenth time, and he fell dead. I then fired a fourteenth time, and he fell dead. I then fired a fifteenth time, and he fell dead. I then fired a sixteenth time, and he fell dead. 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